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SUMMARY. COVERING THE LARGEST LEADERSHIP TURNOUT IN OVER TWO YEARS, PEKING'S LIST OF OCTOBER 1 CELEBRANTS DISCLOSED SEVERAL NOTEWORTHY REHABILITEES. THE PRESENCE OF TWO SOUTHWEST CHINA LEADERS IN THE PEKING GROUPING--ALONG WITH ONE-TIME ANHWEI BOSS LI PAO-HUA'S SURPRISING APPEARANCE IN KWEICHOW--ENCOURAGES SPECULATION THAT THE AFFAIRS OF THIS TROUBLED REGION ARE RECEIVING TOP-LEVEL ATTENTION. END SUMMARY.

1. THE TURNOUT ON NATIONAL DAY OF SECOND ECHELON PRC LEADERS AND OTHER PERSONAGES WAS THE LARGEST FOR SUCH AN OCCASION SINCE THE FALL OF LIN PIAO. NCNA LISTED 520 NAMES UNDER VARIOUS CATEGORIES (COMPARED WITH 87 LAST YEAR, AND 320 ON MAY DAY THIS YEAR). STANDING COMMITTEE MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL PEOPLE'S CONGRESS AND THE CHINESE PEOPLE'S POLITICAL CONSULTATIVE CONFERENCE WERE OUT IN GREATER FORCE, INDICATING PREPARATIONS
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FOR MEETINGS OF THOSE BODIES.

2. NOTABLE REHABILITATIONS INCLUDED THE REAPPEARANCE OF HU SHENG, FORMER DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF PROPAGANDA UNDER LU TING-YI AND DEPUTY EDITOR IN CHIEF OF RED FLAT, WHO WAS LISTED UNDER STATE COUNCIL DEPARTMENTS, AND HSIUNG FU, A TAO CHU ASSOCIATE WHO SERVED AS NCNA CHIEF AND TAO'S DEPUTY IN THE PROPAGANDA DEPARTMENT BEFORE BEING DENOUNCED IN 1966. HSIUNG APPEARED ALONG WITH FORMER PLA DEPUTY RUI OF STAFF CHANG AI-PING AND OTHERS UNDER A CATEGORY SIMPLY ENTITLED "COMRADES," WHICH PRESUMABLY MEANS THAT THEY ARE POLITICALLY OK AGAIN, BUT WITHOUT POSTS. ON ANOTHER FRONT, WE NOTE THAT HSIUNG HSIANG-HUI, FORMER AMBASSADOR TO MEXICO AND AN ASSOCIATE OF PREMIER CHOU, WAS LISTED WITH MEMBERS OF CENTRAL COMMITTEE DEPARTMENTS AND GROUPED WITH LIAISON DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL (PEKING 1155).

3. AMONG THE MORE INTERESTING APPEARANCES WAS THAT OF TOP-RANKING KWEICHOW SECRETARY LU JUI-LIN, WHOSE PRESENCE IN PEKING ALONG WITH SZECHWAN SECRETARY LI TA-CHANG, AND FORMER SOUTHWEST REGIONAL BOSS LI CHING-CHUAN, ENCOURAGES SPECULATION THAT THE AFFAIRS OF THIS TROUBLED REGION MAY BE UNDER TOP LEVEL DISCUSSION (HONG KONG 9939). IN THIS CONNECTION, KWEIYANG RADIO HAS SINCE REPORTED THAT LI PAO-HUA, THE PRE-CULTURAL REVOLUTION BOSS OF ANHWEI, LED AN OCTOBER 2 TURNOUT OF "RESPONSIBLE PERSONS" IN KWEICHOW. LI, WHO WAS REHABILITATED AT THE TENTH CONGRESS ALONG WITH EIGHT OTHER ONE-TIME TOP PROVINCIAL LEADERS, IS THE FIRST OF THE GROUP TO BE TRANSFERRED OUTSIDE PEKING. HE MAY SOON HEAD KWEICHOW, WHERE NO ONE HAS YET FORMALLY REPLACED PURGED FIRST SECRETARY LAN-I-NUNG. IN ANOTHER SURPRISE, CHANG JUNG-SEN, WHO WAS THOUGHT TO HAVE BEEN PURGED LAST YEAR ALONG WITH LAN (HONG KONG 3770), WAS RANKED RIGHT BEHIND LI IN THE KWEICHOW TURNOUT. CHANG'S REAPPEARANCE COMES AFTER A NEARLY TWO AND A HALF YEARS' ABSENCE.

4. ELSEWHERE IN THE PROVINCES, THE OCTOBER 1 TURNOUT IN FUKIEN MARKED THE REAPPEARANCE OF CHO HSIUNG, THE NUMBER TWO THERE. CHO HAD BEEN MISSING SINCE JULY 1972. ALSO PRESENT WAS FUKIEN'S TOP POLITICAL COMMISSAR, LI CHIH-MIN. LI, HOWEVER, WAS NOT LISTED AMONG THE PARTY LEADERS, A SIGN THAT HE HAS YET TO PICK UP THE CCP SECRETARY TITLE USUALLY ACCORDED MILITARY FIGURES OF HIS RANK. IN SHENSI, POLITBURO ALTERNATE WU KUEI-HSIEN, A CCP SECRETARY THERE, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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WAS LISTED BEFORE SHENSI'S FIRST SECRETARY LI JUI-SHAN IN THE SIAN OCTOBER 1 TURNOUT. THREE OTHER PROVINCIAL PARTY SECRETARIES ON THE POLITBURO OUTRANK THEIR FIRST SECRETARIES NATIONALLY, AND MAY-- LIKE WU--NOW ALSO OUTRANK THEM AT HOME. OSBORN

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